

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

A Catholic parish community served by the Carmelite Order

9 May 2021 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

*“Gentle woman,
quiet light,
morning star,
so strong and bright,
Gentle Mother,
peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom,
teach us love...”*

*(From hymn, “Hail Mary:
Gentle Woman.” Carey Landry.)*

Happy Mother’s Day!

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*At right:  
“Madonna of the Roses”  
by William-Adolphe  
Bouguereau, 1903*



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# Parish Life

## Parish Calendar

**Sunday, May 9 — Sunday, May 23**

*(Mass Intentions are shown for first week only)*

### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9

#### **Crowning of Mary, Mother's Day**

Mass: 8:30am, 10:30am (Saturday Vigil 4:00pm)

**Intentions, 4:00pm: Cynthia Ritz Row**

**Intentions, 8:30am: For All Mothers**

**Intentions, 10:30am: For All Mothers**

- Family Faith Formation, 9:00-10:00am, Classrms 2-4

#### Monday, May 10

Mass: 8:00am.

**Intentions: + Joseph Capriola, + Hilda Chabat**

- Adult Faith: *World's Greatest Churches* (Religious Architecture), 10:30am – Noon, Classrooms 2-4

#### Tuesday, May 11

Mass: 8:00am.

**Intentions: + Maria Christina Lopez, + Jack W. Heffron**

- Adult Faith: Small Group—*Finding Peace*, 10:30-11:30am, library

#### Wednesday, May 12

Mass: 8:00am.

**Intentions: Jim Colandoni, + Bob Axiom**

- Prayer Group, 9:00am, Classrooms 3-5
- Widows/Widowers Faith Sharing Grp, 10:30-Noon, library

#### Thursday, May 13

Mass: 8:00am.

**Intentions: + Suzanne Weber, + Bob Axiom**

- Adult Faith: *Intro to Old Testament*, 10:30-Noon, Classrms 2-4

#### Friday, May 14

Mass: 8:00am, Adoration: 8:30-9:30am

**Intentions: + Rosemary Vaccaro, + Lacey Perry**

#### Saturday, May 15

Mass: 8:00am. Confessions: 3:00pm

**Intentions: + Emerito Alindogan, + David Pierce-Feith**

### Solemnity of the Ascension, May 16

Mass: 8:30am, 10:30am (Saturday Vigil 4:00pm)

- Knights Pancake Brkfst after 8:30 & 10:30 Mass, Tillotson HI
- Family Faith Formation, 9:00-10:00am, Classrms 2-4

#### Monday, May 17

Mass: 8:00am.

- Adult Faith: *World's Greatest Churches* (Religious Architecture), 10:30am – Noon, Classrooms 2-4

#### Tuesday, May 18

Mass: 8:00am.

- Adult Faith: Small Group—*Finding Peace*, 10:30-11:30am, library

#### Wednesday, May 19

Mass: 8:00am.

- Prayer Group, 9:00am, Classrooms 3-5
- Widows/Widowers Faith Sharing Grp, 10:30-Noon, library

#### Thursday, May 20

Mass: 8:00am.

- Adult Faith: *Intro to Old Testament*, 10:30-Noon, Classrms 2-4

#### Friday, May 21

Mass: 8:00am, Adoration: 8:30-9:30am

#### Saturday, May 22

Mass: 8:00am. Confessions: 3:00pm

### Pentecost Sunday, May 23

## *To All of Our Mothers*



A loving donation has been made in honor or memory of

### *All of Our Mothers*

to *Our Mother's House of Catholic Charities*,  
Diocese of Venice by  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

*Did you know...?* **Mother's Day** has existed in America for over 100 years, but prior to its 20th-century development, there was another holiday set to honor the matron of the household: Mothering Sunday. In the 16th century, Christians would return to their "mother church" for a service held on Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. Those who practiced this custom were said to have gone "a-mothering," and soon it became known as "Mothering Sunday."

From the web: <https://aletea.org/2019/05/11/mothering-sunday-the-christian-roots-of-mothers-day/>. Accessed 4/29/21.

## **Honoring our Military Men and Women**

*A combined Memorial /Veterans Day celebration. Watch for details.*

If you are a member of our parish with an immediate family member (*spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, grandchild*) who died in military service, or if you are a former / current military person, we would like to recognize you. For details: Phone 941-966-0807 x 305 or email: TFlippo@olmc-osprey.org. *Thank you!*

## **Stewardship of Treasure**

This year vs. last year as of April 29, 2021

| CFA     | 2020         | 2021         |
|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Goal    | \$245,000.00 | \$247,000.00 |
| Pledge  | 124,330.00   | 183,337.00   |
| Payment | 100,363.00   | 161,736.00   |

## **Pastoral Ministry Team**

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## The Virgin Mary and the Decision that Almost Wasn't

Last week's bulletin highlighted excerpts from a homily on a passage from the Gospel of John given by St. Cyril of Alexandria. This patriarchal archbishop played a crucial role in settling a major controversy in the Church regarding what should be the specific title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A rare Ecumenical Council at the city of Ephesus was called in 431 AD by Roman Emperor Theodosius II with the intent to resolve the debate by gathering together an assembly of 200 bishops that represented all of Christendom. This council desired to attain consensus in the church on whether the Blessed Virgin Mary should be called *Christotokos* or *Theotokos*. Bishop Nestorius of Constantinople presented one side of the argument while (Saint) Archbishop Cyril of Alexandria presented the opposing side.

The title *Theotokos* means literally "God-bearer." This title for the Virgin Mary was used by Greek fathers such as Origen in the early 3rd century (some scholars believe it can even be traced to Hippolytus who died in 236 AD) and was increasingly used by the early Church. In the 5th century, however, use of this title was attacked by Nestorius who wanted to replace the term *Theotokos* with *Christotokos*.<sup>1</sup> Nestorius used language that was understood to mean that there were *two separate persons conjoined* in Jesus Christ. Thus he believed that Mary, in giving Jesus human flesh, could be the "Christ-bearer" (*Christotokos*) but not "God-bearer." Conversely, Cyril of Alexandria, as well as many other bishops, believed that Mary should be called *Theotokos* ("Birth-giver to God," "God-bearer" or "Mother of God"). Use of the latter phrasing reinforced the belief that Jesus is one person in two natures that are united. Thus, it was decided by an overwhelming majority that *Theotokos* was the correct title for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The decision of the Council of Ephesus to name Mary *Theotokos* was a pivotal point in the Church's history. It clarified the belief in Jesus Christ and gave further confirmation regarding the nature of Christ's incarnation. What the Church believed about Jesus since apostolic times was ratified at the Council of Ephesus. In addition, the granting of this title confirmed Mary's privileged role in salvation history.

Twenty years after the Council of Ephesus, another council was held in the city of Chalcedon in 451 AD. This council reaffirmed the basic definition of Christ's divinity given at the Council of

## The Crowning of Mary: A Brief History

While English sculptures of the Blessed Virgin Mary dating back to the mid-12th century can be found with a crown atop her head, the beginning of the *physical* act of crowning of a Marian sculpture can be traced back to Pope Gregory III (731-741 AD) who gave a golden diadem to crown a holy image now located in Saint Peter's Basilica. Since the 14th century, friars of the Order of the Servants of Mary (O.S.M.) were known to crown Mary on Holy Saturday; a custom that spread during the Counter Reformation due to a foundation at the Vatican to finance the crowning of Marian images.<sup>1</sup> In the 18th century, Fr. Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus began the practice of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Mother as a way to "counteract infidelity and immorality" in Rome after which the devotion spread throughout the whole Church. In 1815, Pope Pius VII granted a partial indulgence for participating in a May devotion honoring Mary and Pope Pius IX made the indulgence plenary in 1859 (although this practice is no longer listed in the Enchiridion of Indulgences).<sup>2</sup> By definition, a *canonical coronation* is a "pious institutional act of the Pope, duly expressed in a Papal Bull, in which he bestows an ornamental crown, diadem or halo to a Christological, Marian, or Josephian image or statue that is widely venerated in a particular diocese or locality."

1 Roten, Fr. Johann, S.M. "Origins of Crowning Mary." *University of Dayton*. From the web: [www.udayton.edu/imri/mary/c/crowning-mary-origins-of.php](http://www.udayton.edu/imri/mary/c/crowning-mary-origins-of.php). Accessed 5/3/21.

2 "What are the origins of the May Crowning?" *Catholic Straight Answers*. From the web: [www.catholicstraightanswers.com/what-are-the-origins-of-the-may-crowning/](http://www.catholicstraightanswers.com/what-are-the-origins-of-the-may-crowning/). Accessed

Nicea in 325. It also renounced those who denied the title *Theotokos* for the Blessed Virgin Mary and reasserted the position that Jesus was "One Person in Two Natures which are united "unconfusedly, unchangeably, inseparably."<sup>2</sup>

**Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou amongst women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.**

Blessings to all on this new Mother's Day ~

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2 Kosloski, Philip. "How 'Theotokos' became the perfect title of the Virgin Mary." *Aletia*. October 2017. From the web: [www.aletia.org/2017/10/11/how-theotokos-became-the-perfect-title-of-the-virgin-mary/](http://www.aletia.org/2017/10/11/how-theotokos-became-the-perfect-title-of-the-virgin-mary/). Accessed 5/3/21.

## From our Holy Fathers

### PP. Francis on Women and Mothers

GENERAL AUDIENCE  
Wednesday, 7 January 2015

*(Excerpts)*

**“Every human person owes his or her life to a mother,** and almost always owes much of what follows in life, both human and spiritual formation, to her. Yet, despite being highly lauded from a symbolic point of view...the mother is rarely listened to or helped in daily life, rarely considered central to society in her role. Rather, often the readiness of mothers to make sacrifices for their children is taken advantage of ...

**“It also happens that in Christian communities** the mother is not always held in the right regard, she is barely heard. Yet the centre of the life of the Church is the Mother of Jesus. Perhaps mothers, ready to sacrifice so much for their children and often for others as well, ought to be listened to more. We should understand more about their daily struggle to be efficient at work and attentive and affectionate in the family...

**“Mothers are the strongest antidote** to the spread of self-centred individualism. “Individual” means “what cannot be divided.” Mothers, instead, “divide” themselves, from the moment they bear a child to give him to the world and help him grow. It is they, mothers, who most hate war, which kills their children... It is they who testify to the beauty of life. Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero said that mothers experience a “maternal martyrdom”...who without fear and with the simplicity of the maternal martyrdom, conceives a child in her womb, gives birth to him, nurses him, helps them grow and cares for them... She gives her life. That’s martyrdom.

**“A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society,** for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength. Mothers often pass on the deepest sense of religious practice: in a human being’s life, the value of faith is inscribed in the first prayers... Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth. And the Church is mother, with all of this, she is our mother...

**“Dearest mothers, thank you,** thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world...beloved Church, thank you for being mother...Mary, Mother of God, thank you for letting us see Jesus.”

### PP. Benedict XVI on Women and Mothers

ADDRESS to the Parish of Saint Anthony in Luanda  
Sunday, 22 March 2009

*(Excerpts)*

**“...This at last is bone of my bones** and flesh of my flesh” (Gen 2:23). Woman is another “I” who shares in the same human nature. We must therefore recognize, affirm and defend the equal dignity of man and woman: they are both persons, utterly unique among all the living beings found in the world...

**“Who today can fail to recognize** the need to make more room for the “reasons of the heart”? In a world like ours, dominated by technology, we feel the need for this feminine complementarity, so that the human race can live in the world without completely losing its humanity. Think of all the places afflicted by great poverty or devastated by war, and of all the tragic situations resulting from migrations... It is almost always women who manage to preserve human dignity, to defend the family and to protect cultural and religious values.

**“... history records almost exclusively** the accomplishments of men, when in fact much of it is due to the determined, unrelenting and charitable action of women...allow me to mention two in particular: Teresa Gomes and Maria Bonino. The first, was a woman of unswerving Christian faith...particularly evident during 1975 and 1976 when fierce ideological and political propaganda invaded the parish of Our Lady of Grace of Porto Amboim...Teresa then became the leader of the faithful who refused to bend under pressure. Maria Bonino was an Italian paediatrician who offered her expertise as a volunteer in several missions throughout... Africa...Caring for the daily needs of thousands of children... Maria paid the ultimate price for her service by sacrificing her life during the terrible epidemic of Marburg Haemorrhagic Fever... Church and society have been – and continue to be – enormously enriched by the presence and virtues of women...

**“...The presence of a mother** within the family is so important for the stability and growth of this fundamental cell of society... This is precisely how we see her (Mary) at the wedding-feast of Cana: a tender woman, full of motherly care and courage... who recognizes the needs of others and, wanting to help, places those needs before the Lord.”

## From our Holy Fathers

### St. PP. John Paul II LETTER TO WOMEN 29 June 1995

*(Excerpts)*

“...the Church **"desires to give thanks** to the Most Holy Trinity for the 'mystery of woman' and for every woman—for all that constitutes the eternal measure of her feminine dignity, for the 'great works of God', which throughout human history have been accomplished in and through her" (No. 31).

“**This word of thanks to the Lord** for his mysterious plan regarding the vocation and mission of women in the world is at the same time a concrete and direct word of thanks to...every woman, for all that they represent in the life of humanity.

“**Thank you, women who are mothers!** You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life.

“**Thank you, women who are wives!** You irrevocably join your future to that of your husbands, in a relationship of mutual giving, at the service of love and life.

“**Thank you, women who are daughters** and women who are sisters! Into the heart of the family, and then of all society, you bring the richness of your sensitivity, your intuitiveness, your generosity and fidelity.

“**Thank you, women who work!** You are present and active in every area of life—social, economic, cultural, artistic and political. In this way you make an indispensable contribution to ... culture which unites reason and feeling, to a model of life...open to the sense of "mystery", to the establishment of economic and political structures...worthy of humanity.

“**Thank you, consecrated women!** Following the example of the greatest of women, the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, you open yourselves with obedience and fidelity to the gift of God's love. You help the Church and all mankind to experience a "spousal" relationship to God...

“**Thank you, every woman,** for the simple fact of being a woman! Through the insight which is so much a part of your womanhood you enrich the world's understanding and help to make human relations more honest and authentic.”

### St. PP. Paul VI ADDRESS TO WOMEN CLOSING OF THE SECOND VATICAN ECUMENICAL COUNCIL 8 December 1965

*(Excerpts)*

“**And now it is to you that we address ourselves,** women of all states—girls, wives, mothers and widows...consecrated virgins and women living alone—you constitute half of the immense human family...the hour has come, when the vocation of woman is being achieved in its fullness, the hour in which woman acquires in the world an influence, an effect and a power never hitherto achieved. That is why, at this moment when the human race is under-going so deep a transformation, women impregnated with the spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid mankind in not falling.

“**You women have always had as your lot the protection** of the home, the love of beginnings and an understanding of cradles. You are present in the mystery of a life beginning. You offer consolation in the departure of death. Our technology runs the risk of becoming inhuman. Reconcile men with life and above all, we beseech you, watch carefully over the future of our race. Hold back the hand of man who, in a moment of folly, might attempt to destroy human civilization.

“**Wives, mothers of families, the first educators** of the human race in the intimacy of the family circle, pass on to your sons and your daughters the traditions of your father... Always remember that by her children a mother belongs to that future which perhaps she will not see.

“**And you, women living alone,** realize what you can accomplish through your dedicated vocation. Society is appealing to you on all sides. Not even families can live without the help of those who have no families. Especially you, consecrated virgins... be the guardians of purity, unselfishness and piety.

“**Lastly, women in trial,** who stand upright at the foot the cross like Mary, you who so often in history have given to men the strength to battle unto the very end and to give witness to the point of martyrdom, aid them now still once more to retain courage in their great undertakings...

“**Women of the entire universe,** whether Christian or non-believing, you to whom life is entrusted at this grave moment in history, it is for you to save the peace of the world.”



# Eucharistic Celebration

## Order of Worship

### Introductory

### Rites

**Processional Hymn:**  
*Baptized in Water*

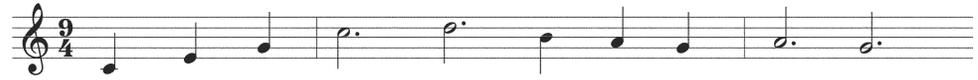
### Greeting

### Penitential Act

### Glory to God

### Collect

## Baptized in Water



1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,  
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,  
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,



Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:



Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,  
One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,  
Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren,



Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b.1932, © 1982, Hope Publishing Co.  
Tune: BUNESSAN, 5 5 8 D; Gaelic melody; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

*Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,  
44-48*

### A Reading from Acts of the Apostles

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit

should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**

# Eucharistic Celebration

## Responsorial Psalm

PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4



## Second Reading

1 Jn 4:7-10

### A Reading from the First Letter of Saint John

Beloved, let us love one another,  
because love is of God;  
everyone who loves is begotten by God and  
knows God.  
Whoever is without love does not know God,  
for God is love.  
In this way the love of God was revealed to  
us:

God sent his only Son into the world  
so that we might have life through him.  
In this is love:  
not that we have loved God, but that he  
loved us  
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

**The Word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Celtic Alleluia*



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## Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

### A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:  
“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.  
Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments, you will  
remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments  
and remain in his love.  
“I have told you this so that my joy may be in  
you  
and your joy might be complete.  
This is my commandment: love one another as  
I love you.  
No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.  
You are my friends if you do what I command  
you.

I no longer call you slaves,  
because a slave does not know what his master  
is doing.  
I have called you friends,  
because I have told you everything I have heard  
from my Father.  
It was not you who chose me, but I who chose  
you  
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will  
remain,  
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name  
he may give you.  
This I command you: love one another.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## Homily

# Eucharistic Celebration

## Profession of Faith: Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*During the Easter Season, if the renewal of Baptismal promises takes place, recitation of the Creed is omitted.*

## Universal Prayer

*R/ Lord, hear our prayer.*

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Preparation of the Altar

## Offertory Hymn

*Ave Maria (solo)*

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Preface*

*Holy Holy Holy*

*Consecration*

*Mystery of Faith*

*Doxology*

## The Lord's Prayer

*Sign of Peace*

## Lamb of God

## Communion

## Communion Hymn

*We are Many Parts*  
*Flower of Carmel*

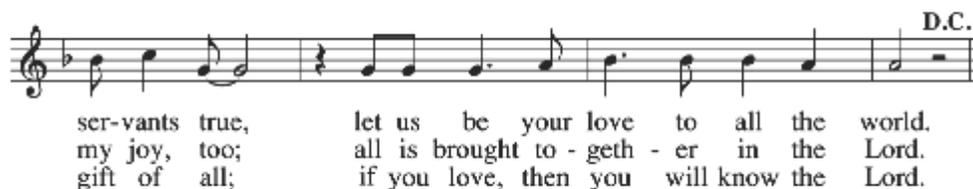
## Prayer after Communion

## We Are Many Parts

### Refrain



### Verses



Text: 1 Corinthians 12, 13; Marty Haugen, b.1950  
Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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# Eucharistic Celebration

## Concluding Rites

Blessing

Dismissal

## Recessional Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

## LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

HYFRYDOL

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all your  
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,

1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your  
2. life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er -  
3. gra - cious Lord; Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -

1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,  
2. more your tem - ples leave. Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
3. ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with  
2. Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you  
3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -

1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.  
2. with - out - ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.  
3. fore the al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

Text: B7 87 D; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887.

*To all Visitors,  
Thank you for worshipping  
with us today!*

*Welcome packets along with  
registration information may be  
found in the gathering space or  
inquire at the front desk.*

*Ite, missa est*

*Go, you are sent...!*

“Every mother, when she picks up the young life that has been born to her, looks up to the heavens to thank God for the gift which made the world young again.

But here was a Mother, a Madonna, who did not look up. She looked *down* to heaven, for this was heaven in her arms.”

*Venerable Fulton Sheen*



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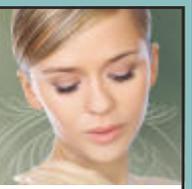
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